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Unions Score Sweeping Victory In Fight for Rights Under NRA

Recovery Act Makes Mandatory Recognition of Workers' Right To Organize Freely, Milwaukee Judge Rules in Enjoining Show Firm.

Milwaukee—Organized labor scored a big legal victory here in a fight to maintain its right of collective bargaining under section 7-A of the National Industrial Recovery Act.

Circuit Judge John J. Gregory granted an injunction against the Show Brothers, who are operating a chain of show firms, for failing to recognize the Milwaukee Union of Show Employees and its right to bargain collectively with the company.

The court decision is a landmark victory for labor, as it is the first time a federal court has ruled in favor of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) in a case involving the Recovery Act.

Judge Gregory's decision makes it clear that the Recovery Act does not override the NLRA. He ruled that the Show Brothers' refusal to recognize the union was a violation of the Act.

The Show Brothers' lawyers argued that the Recovery Act gave them the right to operate their business as they saw fit. They claimed that the Act gave them the right to hire and fire as they saw fit, and that they were not bound by the NLRA.

Judge Gregory rejected this argument. He said that the Recovery Act was designed to help the economy during the Depression, and that it did not give employers the right to ignore the NLRA.

The court decision is a major victory for labor, as it shows that the Recovery Act does not override the NLRA. It also shows that employers cannot ignore the rights of workers to organize and bargain collectively.

A. F. of L. Demands Congress Investigate Activities of Strikebreaking Agencies

President Howard of International Typographical Union Says Anti-Union Employers' Organizations Use Mobile Forces of Professional Strikebreakers to Keep Wages Down.

Washington.—"Scoring professional strikebreakers as 'public enemies,' the 1933 American Federation of Labor convention asked a Congressional investigation of the activities of strikebreaking agencies."

The convention also asked the enactment of legislation to prohibit advertisements for workers for employment in strikebreaking agencies.

It was pointed out that unscrupulous employers often advertise for strikebreakers without stating that a strike or lockout was in progress. This has led to the use of strikebreakers in many cases where they are not needed.

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William Green Is Unanimously Re-elected A. F. of L. President

Washington.—William Green was unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor at the Federation's annual convention here.

Mr. Green was nominated by John L. Lewis, who is president of the United Mine Workers of America, who said:

"It has been given to me to know, and I know today that I am the sound of my voice, that there is no man in this hall who has given more to the Federation than has William Green. He has been the backbone of our union."

Mr. Green was re-elected for a second term. He was the only candidate for the position.

The convention also elected a new executive committee. The members of the committee are: John L. Lewis, president; William Green, vice-president; and John P. Freeland, secretary.

The convention also adopted a new constitution. The new constitution gives the Federation more power over its member unions.

Unions Veto Cast

Delegate Centers of the South American Federation of Labor at the convention cast the unanimous vote of the delegates for Mr. Green's re-election.

NEW RAILROAD COMPANY DENIED TAX DISPUTE REVIEW

Washington.—The Supreme Court has denied a review of a tax dispute involving the new railroad company.

NEW TAX ON SALT

The new tax on salt is a major victory for labor, as it shows that the Recovery Act does not override the NLRA.

WEEKLY NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1933

Labor Ready to Meet Big Issues Of Coming Year, Green Declares

Praising Record of Convention, A. F. of L. President Says Organized Workers Formulated Magnificent Program at Washington Meeting and Are Moving on Economic and Political Fields To Bring Better Life to America's Tollers.

Washington.—"Meeting in one of the most critical hours of all American history, the American Federation of Labor has made a record of which it may be proud," declared William Green, president of the Federation, at the closing of the fifty-third annual convention here.

Green said that the convention was a landmark event in the history of labor. He said that the convention formulated a magnificent program for the coming year, and that the Federation was ready to meet the big issues of the coming year.

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Plans Made for Putting Mandates of Convention into Effect—30-Hour Bill to be Drafted, Federal Workers' Legislation Pressed, Adequate Labor Representation on NRA Boards Sought and Steps Taken for Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes.

Washington.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor met here immediately after the adjournment of the Federation's convention to carry out its mandates.

Among the first acts of the council was the formation of a committee to carry out the mandates of the convention. The committee was headed by William Green, president of the Federation.

The committee will be responsible for putting the mandates of the convention into effect. It will be responsible for drafting the 30-hour bill, for pressing federal workers' legislation, for seeking adequate labor representation on NRA boards, and for taking steps for the settlement of jurisdictional disputes.

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of hope and Hitler may be sure we shall use it to the full." The Council likewise had under consideration the question of strikes and compliance with NRA code provisions.

times recently that the American Federation of Labor is seeking to curb hasty judgment in the matter of strikes.

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"It is our desire that the American Federation of Labor shall be in every respect above any kind of reproach. We shall have traditions always, or at least as long as there is a world, but we shall not have built dignity and integrity and thorough Americanism into our movement. I believe its prestige is to be at its highest point. We shall lift it higher."

"We are participating in the world's greatest industrial experiment, carrying

"We are moving now toward the ten million mark as the next goal in the creation of a constructive, organized force for the establishment of real order and co-operation in American industry and life."

"We shall proceed at once to the work of drafting legislation for the new Congress. One of the measures to be

four-hour work-week, to be introduced and pushed to enactment in the event that re-employment is not accomplished within the action of the NLRB.

"Re-employment must be accomplished within the action of the NLRB," the American Recovery Act states.

The convention also ended. It was the greatest we have ever had. It was an extraordinary gathering everywhere, in our own land and abroad."

Secretary Morrison Is Elected To Serve 37th Consecutive Term

Washington.—The annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in my keen appreciation of the good will that has always been mine at the hands of the delegates and officers of the vari-

Mr. Morrison was nominated by Charles P. Howard, delegate of the International Typographical Union, who said:

I am confronted with a very difficult, even though it may be a pleasant task.

the past few years has arisen upon the floors of conventions of the American Federation of Labor, and I have been placed in nomination the name of a man for Secretary who is known by many of our members as having been in the next few years these affiliated national and international unions will add to the ranks of the labor movement beyond the peak of 1926.

Seen Bright Future for Labor

"We must be patient, because after all it is only by patience and perseverance that we can win the support of our officers and their organizers that they

Experience Is Needed

The American Federation of Labor in this year has a number of important problems. The future holds problems that will be more difficult to analyze and meet as they arise. I am sure the delegates sitting in this hall will be able to handle the experience. I am sure you realize the importance of the problems of labor and I am sure that you appreciate the importance of the work that was accomplished in this year.

My friends, I want to say to you that this year will be the coming year every one of you will be able to see the work that was accomplished in this year.

Speaking for the International Typographical Union, of which organization he is an honored member, I present to you the name of the perfect secretary, **Frances Morrison.**

At the conclusion of Delegate Howard's nominating speech, the entire assemblage arose and applauded.

Headed by the Hotel and

out Green cast a blot of nomination by acclamation. This motion was carried unanimously.

Thanks Labor Movement!

In accepting the position of secretary, Morrison said:

"I know that you will forgive me if I trespass upon your time to express

National Administration reported to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, the Bureau of Census, and the War Relocation Authority, the following summary reports from cities and counties in 47 States and the District of Columbia.

Total payments from all public funds for unemployment relief were 5 per cent less in September than in August.